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Filed : December 20, 2001
For : DNA ENCODING A HUMAN MELANIN CONCENTRATING HORMONE RECEPTOR (MCH1) AND USES THEREOF

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The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application indicates that the oath or declaration is unsigned. Applicants attach hereto a copy of Notice as **Exhibit A**. In response, applicants submit as **Exhibit B** hereto a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63, the Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone the number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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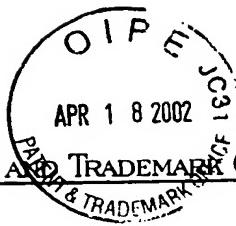
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

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